

## THEIR UNHAPPY MARRIAGE.

ELOPING FROM AMERICA AND SEP-  
ARATING IN FAR OFF CHINA.Court Suits for Divorce Instituted in  
Bridgeport.—A Clergyman Pulled into the  
Scandal.—A Storied Laconian in a Hotel  
—The Wife Takes the Witness Stand.

BRIDGEPORT, Aug. 15.—Elizabeth A. Hill, who in 1862, eloped all the way from Syracuse, N.Y., to Shanghai, China, to meet and marry Charles E. Hill, and who died there meet and marry him according to previous arrangement, took the witness stand in the Common Pleas court room yesterday to testify in support of a divorce suit in which she is the petitioner and Hill the respondent. The romantic nature of the marriage, the wealth and position of the parties, the scandalous allegations against Mrs. Hill that are made in Hill's counter petition, and the various collateral issues developed since the action was brought, long ago invested the case with more than local interest.

The circumstances of the marriage and much of the history of the case have already been told in THE SUN. Mrs. Hill is the daughter of the late Gen. Adams, a large marine contractor, and a man well known in Bridgeport as the projector and head of a local manufacturing enterprise. Mr. Hill first met his future wife and captured her fancy when she was a girl of 18, living in Minnesota when her parents, the Parsons, regarded the attachment with strong disfavor, but this did not dampen the ardor of the young people. When the Adams family moved to Bridgeport, Hill continued his wooing, and, obtaining the consent of his affianced to a plan for an elopement, they arranged that he should go to China first avert suspicion, and that she should follow him there at the earliest opportunity. This programme was carried out to the letter despite the fact that the parents of the girl learned of her intentions. She travelled alone from Syracuse to New York, and thence to Panama, where she took passage for China in the steamer Firecracker. Hill was awaiting her in Shanghai, and they were married immediately upon her arrival.

They seem to have lived happily enough at first, although, as Mrs. Hill states in court, life in the Orient was always disastrous to her. Her husband's business was that of a contractor for and shipper of coolies. He possessed great physical power and an indomitable nerve and will, else he could not have dominated the half-civilized men whom he had to control. His acquaintances picture him in his occupation of coolie driver as wielding a heavy whip and being armed to the teeth, prepared to crush out the first signs of mutiny with an iron hand. Despite his strength and nerve, he had several narrow escapes with his life, and it is said that once he was set upon by a mob of a hundred or more, and beaten so badly as to be disabled for a long time. The semi-mingering, aggressive spirit which was so essential to the success of his business, is asserted by Mrs. Hill to have dropped out unmercifully in his family relations, and he has become quiet, mild, and at times very offensive. His business, however, had made him wealthy in a few years, his accumulations amounting to upward of \$20,000. The wife, however, has been compelled to transfer his real estate in Shanghai to his wife, and to settle upon her half the income from the property, while the property afterward depreciated in value.

Mrs. Hill for the last four years has annual income of about \$30,000. Besides the China property, Hill owns a house in New Haven, valued at \$40,000 or \$50,000, and has a home at \$170,000, against the Chinese Government for the loss of his ship. Of his late enterprise is a company shipping large numbers of coolies to Lima, Peru.

After residing three years in China, Mrs. Hill returned to America, and spent some time in this country, living the greater part of the time in her husband's original home in Maine. On her return voyage to China with her twin sons, Edwin and Frank, Hill died near the China coast. The crew deserted the ship, leaving the vessel to drift, and the two lost their lives.

She also heard that her husband had committed suicide.

SARATOGA'S SLOSHING RACES.

of the grounds of the criminal. All these allegations are expressly repudiated.

The trial began yesterday with the opening, setting the Court to order to permit the witness to see the minor child, Frank Hill, under his roof, and the hearing adjourned to the 21st instant, to give the parties the privilege of seeing the child as the representative of the mother, but the Court would not see the child, and the hearing adjourned again.

Mr. Atwater, who has been called to advise the parties, had previously tried to enlist his influence in a place away from his residence, and induce him to use his influence as a means for securing her intercompliance with his terms for a compromise.

Soon after Mr. Waterer came into the case he got a counter petition in the shape of a cross complaint, which he filed, and removed the suit to the Superior Court, and the parties were then given the chance to present their cases to the court.

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